



Town of Marshfield

Board of Health

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WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Board of Selectmen determined, in consultation with the federal, state and local public health officials, that COVID-19 poses a significant, immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of people residing both within and outside the Town of Marshfield, and, as such, declared a Local State of Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued an Order Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Certain Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People (COVID-19 Order No. 13), which order was revised and extended on March 31, 2020 and on April 28, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Marshfield Town Hall remains closed to the public until after May 18, 2020, and unnecessary physical contact between town officials and residents of Marshfield must be avoided to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS on April 21, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued an Order extending the closure of public and private schools through the end of this school year in order to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS on May 1, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued an order effective on May 6, 2020 ordering all residents over the age of two to use a face covering or mask in public places where maintaining proper social distancing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are not possible and this order supersedes previously issued guidance relative to mask use ("Governor's Face Covering Order"). **A copy of this Order is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment A.**

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to our authority as the Board of Health of the Town under the above-referenced declarations of a local state of public health emergency, the applicable provisions of Mass. Gen. L. c. 111 §31, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, we, the Board of Health hereby order the following:

1. All members of the public shall comply with the Governor's Face Covering Order. (See Attachment B) Guidance for Wearing Face Mask in Public Settings
2. In addition to the MA Department of Public Health and its agents and the State Police, the authorized agents of the Board of Health pursuant to G. L. c. 111, 30 and the Marshfield Police are authorized to assist in the enforcement of this Order. Violation of the terms of this Order or Department of Public Health Guidance may result in a civil fine of up to \$300 per violation, in the manner provided for non-criminal disposition of violations of municipal by-law, ordinance, rule, or regulation pursuant to G. L. c. 40, 21 D.
3. This Order is effective Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 12:01AM, and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until the emergency is terminated by the Governor, whichever happens first.

SIGNED THIS 6th DAY OF MAY, 2020

MARSHFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH



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GUIDANCE FOR WEARING FACE MASKS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS

ISSUED

May 1, 2020

On May 1, 2020, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, issued an order effective 12:01 am, Wednesday, May 6, 2020, requiring individuals to wear masks in public places.

Any person who is in a place open to the public in the Commonwealth, when unable to maintain a distance of approximately six feet from every other person, shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face-covering. Masks are required at all times when:

- Inside or waiting in line outside of grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retail stores;
- Providing or using the services of any taxi, car, livery, ride-sharing, or similar service;
- On any form of public transit, including train or bus; and
- In an enclosed or semi-enclosed transit stop or waiting area.

The use of a mask does not replace important social distancing measures. All individuals must continue to maintain more than 6 feet of distance from other people; wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; and stay home when sick. Children under the age of 2 years should not wear face coverings or masks. Mask use by children 2 years of age and up to the age of five is encouraged at the discretion of the child's parent or guardian at this time

Exceptions for wearing face masks include situations that may inhibit an individual from wearing a face-mask safely. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Those who cannot breathe safely;
- Those who, due to a behavioral health diagnosis, are unable to do so;
- Those communicating with people who rely upon lip-reading;
- Those who require supplemental oxygen to breathe; and
- Those who are exercising outdoors and are able to keep physical distance from others.

Per COVID-19 order No. 31, violations of the masking order shall be punished in the following manner: (a) the first offense shall result in a warning and (b) the second or subsequent offense may result in a civil citation and a fine of up to \$300. For information on how to make your own masks please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf>